

# EXCERPTS

## Spotlight on Library Programs

### FROM PAGE TO STAGE

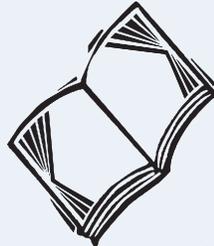
#### KICKOFF AND RECEPTION FOR FOURTH ANNUAL LIBRARY/Writers' THEATRE SERIES

Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Woman's Library Club – 325 Tudor Court

In 2009, "From Page to Stage" features a series of programs designed around the presentation of *The Minister's Wife* at Writers' Theatre. In cooperation with the theatre, nine North Shore public libraries will present a variety of programs focused on the themes of George Bernard Shaw's play *Candida* and this original musical production. Special programs will be scheduled on Tuesday evenings from April 21 through May 26, at each of the participating libraries, with several additional book discussions and film showings scheduled separately.

Please join us for our kick-off program and reception at the Glencoe Woman's Library Club. Some of the principal artistic contributors to *The Minister's Wife* will discuss what it takes to adapt a well-known play to a musical production. Adapting novels and plays to present the works in a new way has been one of the keys to Writers' Theatre success over the past 16 years.



### PYGMALION VS. MY FAIR LADY

Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Because *The Minister's Wife* involves the adaptation of a Shaw play to a musical, we thought it would be interesting to consider how another of his famous plays, *Pygmalion*, has been adapted to film. View selected scenes from the movie version of *Pygmalion* and compare them to the same scenes in the classic Hollywood film musical *My Fair Lady*. Film scholar Bob Coscarelli will help identify the critical differences that change a play into a musical.

For more information on library programs for adults, see page 2. 

### TALKING PICTURES

#### A FILM AND DISCUSSION SERIES

Enjoy an afternoon of thought-provoking cinema and discussion with Susan Benjamin. The film showing starts promptly at 1:00 p.m. in the Hammond Room and will be followed immediately by a discussion period.

#### THE LIVES OF OTHERS

Monday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m.

This superbly cast German drama portrays the intersecting lives of a loyal Stasi officer and the glamorous intellectual couple he is assigned to spy on just before the fall of the Berlin Wall. *The Lives of Others*, at once a political thriller and a human drama, won the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film of 2007.

#### THE NAMESAKE

Thursday, April 30 at 1:00 p.m.

Based on Jhumpa Lahiri's 2006 novel and directed by Mira Nair, *The Namesake* details the lives of a Bengali immigrant couple and their anxiously Americanized son. The film combines the intimate pleasures of a family saga with a finely detailed exploration of the difficult balance between separation and integration that shapes the lives of first-generation immigrants and their children.

These film screenings and discussions will occur in the Glencoe Public Library Hammond Room 



At the December 17 meeting of the Glencoe Public Library Board of Trustees, Friends of the Library President Nancy Guenther presented Library Board President John Tuohy with a check for \$25,000, the first half of a pledged \$50,000 to be applied to the improvements to the library's facade, landscape and walkways.

### *Did You Know?*

#### THE LIBRARY WILL SOON BE 100 YEARS OLD! HELP US CELEBRATE THE LIBRARY'S HISTORY

We begin our celebration with this year's village vehicle sticker, designed by 5th grader Brandon Mitchell in a student contest co-sponsored with the Human Relations Forum. During April, please stop in to view the other entries on display. The library's centennial theme will be displayed on all vehicles during 2009. A series of special activities starts with the April 6th program on the centennial of the Burnham Plan. A list of centennial events will soon be distributed.

As we get ready to celebrate our centennial year—the library was founded in 1910—we ask for your help. Do you have any old photographs or documents having to do with the library? Please let us take a look at your library memorabilia of any sort, especially from our earliest years. We are not asking that you donate your items; we'd just like to look at them and possibly copy or borrow them for an exhibit. Please contact Grace Hayek, the library's public relations coordinator, at 847.835.5056 or [ghayek@nsls.info](mailto:ghayek@nsls.info). Thanks! 



# Library Programs for Adults

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## WRITING WORKSHOPS

**Thursdays, March 12, 19, 26 from 2:00 to 3:30pm**

Sharon and Steve Fiffer will return this spring to provide three classes for beginning and continuing writers. These classes will be open to all interested writers. No experience as a writer required, just an active interest on committing words to paper. These classes are not workshops for discussion of individual work. However, anyone who has attended previous classes or workshops with the Fiffers is welcome to return for a “jumpstart”!

**Jump-Starting Your Fiction:** A class with writing exercises and a discussion of methods to help you start that novel or short story. And if you've already started? Suggestions will be offered on revisions, polishing your manuscript, and continuing your writing practice.

**Jump-Starting Your Nonfiction Writing:** A class with writing exercises and a discussion of memoir and general nonfiction. How to get started and how to keep going!

**The Nuts and Bolts of Writing:** This class, for fiction writers and non-fiction writers alike, will be a discussion of the “business” of writing. The Fiffers will discuss publishing venues and guidelines for submissions and answer your questions about a writing career.

## 1959 CHICAGO WHITE SOX— A 50TH ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE

**Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

On Tuesday night, September 22, 1959, air raid sirens rang throughout Chicago. But this was not a Soviet invasion—it was something much more momentous. The White Sox had just won the American League pennant! Author, sports historian and Glencoe resident Charles Billington returns to the Glencoe Public Library to re-examine an event revered by every south side baseball fan—the 1959 pennant-winning Go-Go White Sox. Get ready for baseball season with this fascinating look at one of the premiere events in Chicagoland's rich sports history.

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## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

*Occasionally it is necessary to change the date of a discussion. Please check with the Readers' Services desk if you have questions. Copies of the books are available for checkout; ask at the Readers' Services desk.*

### NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSIONS —BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Many of you asked us to continue this program and we are so pleased to have found a skilled and highly experienced leader for this series. The leader may be different, but the focus will remain the same: the well-informed exchange of ideas and opinion inspired by reading topical, well crafted prose. Please join us on **Thursdays, April 2 and May 21 at 7:30 p.m.** Judy Levin (yes, the same person who leads our Wednesday afternoon primarily fiction book group) will facilitate these always lively discussions. Our first two sessions will be:

**April 2 at 7:30 p.m.** — *The Reluctant Mr. Darwin: An Intimate Portrait of Charles Darwin and the Making of His Theory of Evolution* by David Quammen

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth. Darwin took 20 years to write his theory of natural selection, publishing *On the Origin of Species* only when he feared that he was going to be scooped. Acclaimed science journalist David Quammen's book details the research that allowed Darwin to gain the confidence and evidence to publish a book that would displace humankind from its privileged position as a special creation.

**May 21 –Title to be announced.**

## CITY BEAUTIFUL: CELEBRATING THE BURNHAM PLAN

**Monday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.**

The year 2009 marks the centennial of Daniel Burnham's visionary plan for Chicago and its environs. Burnham's plan shaped the city and suburbs for generations of residents and visitors to enjoy. This slide lecture explores the Burnham plan along with its origins and sources. Learn about the full scope of the 1909 plan and its relationship to European and American precedents. Follow the transition from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition to the City Beautiful Movement so eloquently manifested in Burnham's plan for Chicago.

Art historian Jeff Mishur returns to the Glencoe Library for this interactive slide lecture.

## SHOUT HALLELUJAH, COME ON, GET HAPPY! AMERICA'S MUSICAL THEATER LEGENDS

Susan Benjamin returns with this very popular series of Monday programs featuring the lives of the composers, lyricists and performers who shaped American musical theatre in the 20th Century, illustrated with samples of their most important and unforgettable work. Please join us for these entertaining and informative programs.

**March 9 at 1:00 p.m.** — Al Jolson

**April 13 at 1:00 p.m.** — Bob Fosse

**May 11 at 1:00 p.m.**— Eddie Cantor

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## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Judy Levin has led book discussions and given reviews throughout the Chicago area for over 25 years. These discussions emphasize the exchange of ideas; all participants are encouraged to ask questions, raise topics of interest and offer thoughts and opinions in an open atmosphere.

**March 11 at 1:00 p.m.** — *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri

**April 15 at 1:00 p.m.** — *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali

**May 13 at 1:00 p.m.** — *The Maytrees* by Annie Dillard

## MONDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Michelle Wilson leads these discussions featuring thought-provoking recent fiction.

**March 23 at 7:30 p.m.** — *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway

**April 27 at 7:30 p.m.** — *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield

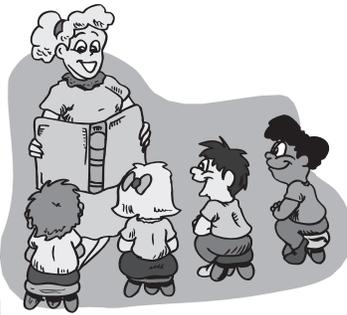
**May 18 at 7:30 p.m.** — *Beneath a Marble Sky* by John Shors

# Kids' News

## Ongoing Programs

### Storytimes

Stories, songs, and activities specially selected and presented to help children grow to love books, stories, libraries, and learning. **Registration is NOT required.** Parents and caregivers remain with children in Thursday and Friday storytimes. Children ages 4 to 6 years in Tuesday storytime may attend independently while parents/caregivers remain in library.



**Big Kids' Book Bunch** specially developed for children ages 4 to 6 years old.

**Tuesday afternoons at 4:15 p.m. April 7 – May 12**

**Tales for Tots** targeted to children ages 2 to 3 years old.

**Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. April 9 – May 14**

**Book Babies** designed for children ages 0 to 23 months

**Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. April 10 – May 15**

### Programs and Activities

#### **BRANCH OUT AND LEAF THROUGH A GOOD BOOK – PRESCHOOL READING CLUB**

**March 1–31**

Preschoolers bloom when good books are read to them. Come into the library during the month of March to see our latest crop of books. Check out library books and read them to your preschooler. Collect leaves on a reading log and end the month with a harvest of great stories! (For all **pre-kindergartners**.)

### Stories & Crafts with Miss Lesley

Children ages 4 to 6 years old (kindergartners welcome!) listen to stories and make a related craft. Children may attend independently while adult caregivers remain in the library. (\*Please note: Miss Lesley is not available in March or April; Melissa Henderson will offer those programs).



**Registration IS required.**

**Fridays at 4:15 p.m.**

**March 20** – Special theme: Happy Birthday to the Very Hungry Caterpillar! Listen to Eric Carle stories and make collages in the style of author and artist Eric Carle.

**April 24** – Special theme: Buggy for Books!  
Listen to fun bug tales and make a special buggy craft.

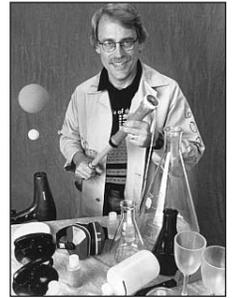
**May 29** – Miss Lesley returns!

## Spring Break Programming March 23 through March 27

### **THE ULTIMATE SCIENCE SHOW**

**MONDAY, MARCH 23, 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

Kids are fascinated by the tricks Mike Offutt uses to demonstrate scientific principles. From the electric pickle to the vinegar/baking soda geyser, children experience the weirdness and wonder of science. (For **1-5 graders**; children under the age of 8 years must be accompanied by an adult)



### **EARTHKEEPERS – NATIVE AMERICAN LEGENDS AND OUR EARTH**

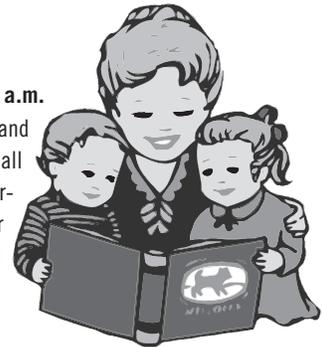
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon**

Animals and native legends inspire children to respect and care for the earth. Dance and chant to the beating drum with the *Earthkeeper* and celebrate the connection between people, animals, plants, and the earth. (For **K-4 graders**; children under the age of 8 years must be accompanied by an adult.)

### **FAMILY STORYTIME – ALL KINDS OF FAMILIES**

**THURSDAY MARCH 26, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Stories, songs, and activities specially selected and presented in this storytime celebrating families all over the planet – from animal families to the interconnected “family” of humans and their environment. (For families/children **ages 3 and up**.)



### **A VISIT FROM MOTHER NATURE**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 10:30 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.**

In honor of our Preschool Spring Reading Club, Mother Nature visits the library with a fun and fast-paced program that encourages interaction and audience participation. (For children **3-6 years old**, with an accompanying adult.)



# Mark Your Calendar with these Special Programs

## PLANT YOURSELF IN THE LIBRARY

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

Learn through facts & fiction about how plants grow. Each attendee will leave with a seedling they have planted in a peat pot and can watch develop at home. One of our presenters will be *Mrs. (Anne) Healey*, former 2nd grade teacher at South School and long-time instructor at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

**Registration IS required.** For children in **grades 1-3.**

## FROM TRASH TO TREAT – DROP-IN ECO-CRAFT

**MONDAY, APRIL 13 — drop in 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**

Stop by the library on this **no school day** and make a fun craft from recycled materials. Pick up ideas and information on how to recycle in your home and community. For **children 3 and up**; children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

## RECYCLE A GOOD BOOK

**APRIL 19 – 25 (Earth Week)**

During Earth Week bring in a book from your collection and trade it for another brought in by a library patron. Children in pre-K through 5th grade are invited to bring in **one** (gently) used book from home and exchange it for a book that's "new to you." Each child who brings in **one** book will be able to offer a brief "review" of the book, noting why another reader will enjoy it. Each participant can enter a drawing for a special prize. (**NOTE:** This program is for children's books only. Each child can leave **one** book and will take **one** book. Additional books will not be accepted in the children's department).

## MOTHER'S DAY CARD SHOP

**SATURDAY, MAY 2, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

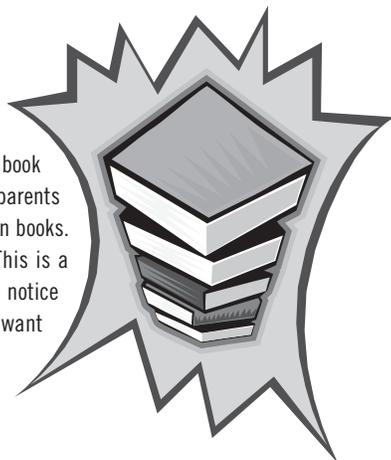
The best Mother's Day card for Mom, Grandmother, or Auntie is one that is handmade. The library provides the workspace, the cut-outs, cards, markers, envelopes and other tools. You provide the creativity, imagination, and love. For **children ages 3 and up**; children under the age of 8 need to be accompanied by an adult.



## Always Available

### *Books Just 4 Me: Custom Book Lists Created Just for You!*

*Books Just 4 Me* is a special service offering customized book lists for children in **grades K through 5th**. Children or parents fill out an interest form and librarians create a list of ten books. Each list is as unique and individual as each child. This is a great way to learn about titles that have escaped your notice and to keep track of all those books you or your children want to read when there's more time.



## KIDS' COLLECTION DISPLAYS:

**Display cases** – The following Glencoe children recently shared their collections with the community.



*Ari's super heroes*



*Aron's remote control vehicles*



*Charlie's international money*



*Danny's Judaica*



*Dustin's VW collection*



*Jack's international money*



*Jaclyn and Julia's Barbie and puppet collections*



*JP's Asterix figures*



*Margaux's shells*



*Simon's paper airplanes*



*Zachary's Furious 5 and Naomi's art collections*

# Monday Night at the Movies

Sponsored by the Friends of the Glencoe Public Library, all films in this series are screened at the Woman's Library Club, 325 Tudor Court.

## HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

**Monday, March 16 at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

Golden Globe winner Sally Hawkins gives a near-perfect performance as Poppy, a London primary school teacher who maintains a steadfastly positive outlook whatever adventures, or misadventures, come her way. Neither simple nor a doormat, Poppy is just fundamentally good and determined to be a positive force in the world. While this seemingly happy film seems a departure for veteran English director Mike Leigh (*Vera Drake*), it again demonstrates his feeling for female characters and relationships. "A picture so seemingly light that it might be hours (or even days) before you realize how deep and rich it really is." – Stephanie Zacharek, *Salon.com*

119 Minutes, Rated R

## MILK

**Monday, April 20 at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

Nominated for eight Academy awards and anchored by Sean Penn's powerhouse performance, *Milk* is a triumphant account of America's first openly gay man elected to public office. "*Milk* has one of the finest ensemble casts this year and a magnificent, career-topping performance by Sean Penn, who disappears into the title role." – Claudia Puig, *USA Today*

128 Minutes, Rated R

## FROST/NIXON

**Monday, May 18 at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

Director Ron Howard brings to the screen writer Peter Morgan's (*The Queen*, *The Last King of Scotland*) electrifying battle between Richard Nixon, the disgraced president with a legacy to save, and David Frost, a jet-setting television personality with a name to make, in the untold story of the historic encounter that changed both. Nominated for five Academy Awards, including a best actor nomination for Frank Langella's great performance as the former president, *Frost/Nixon* "...begins as a fascinating inside look at the TV news business and then tightens into a spellbinding thriller." – Roger Ebert, *Chicago Sun-Times*.

122 Minutes, Rated R 

# Just for Young Adults

## NEW YA BOOKS!

**Headley, Justina Chen. *North of Beautiful*. YA/F**

Terra, a sensitive, artistic high school senior born with a facial port-wine stain, struggles with issues of inner and outer beauty with the help of her Goth classmate Jacob.

**Jones, Carrie. *Need*. YA/F**

Depressed after the death of her stepfather, high school junior Zara goes to live with her grandmother in a small Maine town, where new friends tell Zara the strange man she keeps seeing may be a pixie king and that only "were" creatures can stop him from taking souls.

**Marchetta, Melina. *Jellicoe Road*. YA/F**

Abandoned by her drug-addicted mother at the age of eleven, high school student Taylor Markham struggles with her identity and family history at a boarding school in Australia.

**McNamee, Graham. *Bonechiller*. YA/F**

Four high school students face off against a soul-stealing beast that has been making young people disappear from their small town in Ontario, Canada for centuries. 

# Friends' Corner

## SAVE THE DATE!

## SPRING CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT

On Sunday, April 19, the Friends of the Glencoe Library will host its Spring Classical Music Concert featuring Sam Magad & Friends, all of whom are current or retired members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. We hope you will join us at 5:00 p.m. for this lovely program. Tell your friends! Admission is free and everyone is welcome.



## FRIENDS' BOARD HELPS FUND LIBRARY'S FRONT ENTRANCE RENOVATION

Thanks to the generous support from Glencoe's Friends of the Library, the board of the Friends of the Library agreed to allocate significant funding to support the library's new front entrance renovation, including new brick sidewalks with snowmelt system, new stairs and new handrails. The project will soon enter its next phase, involving a new front door and restoration of the front door sidelights and fan window. We are very excited about these improvements and are grateful to our Friends for helping make it possible.

## SPRING AND SUMMER USED BOOK SALES

As this edition of *Excerpts* goes to press, our Friends volunteers are feverishly working to prepare for our Spring Used Book Sale, which takes place March 7-9. And mark your calendars now: our Summer Used Book Sale will take place June 13-15. Members joining the Friends for \$20 or more receive invitations to our Friday evening preview sales. We are excited to be able to offer thousands of volumes in excellent condition, thanks to the very generous donations of used books, DVDs and other materials from the community. Thank you, donors and sale patrons, for making this sale possible. Come find some great books at very exciting prices!

## FIND BARGAINS ON USED BOOKS YEAR-ROUND

Buy good used books at great prices year-round! Just inside the library's front door, you will find two shelves full of used books available for purchase. A large selection of hard and soft cover fiction is available at the usual bargain prices, and proceeds, of course, benefit the Glencoe Public Library.



## BOOK DONATIONS WELCOME

When you're sorting through your shelves of books and movies, please keep us in mind! We gratefully accept donations of paperback and hardcover books, videos, audiotapes, CDs and DVDs. (Sorry, we cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, or water-damaged books.) A tax receipt for book donations is available at the check-out desk. 



# Meet the Staff

## LARRY SLOMA, REFERENCE LIBRARIAN



Larry Sloma

I am very pleased to be working at the Glencoe Public Library. I'm an Evanston native whose Chicago-rooted family moved to Los Angeles almost immediately after I was born (and their subsequent frequent driving trips "home" may make me a Route 66 native, too). I studied at McGill University and the University of Illinois at Chicago and received a bachelor's in English Literature; I earned my Masters of Library Science at Dominican University in River Forest.

Before getting into the library field, I worked at WTTW for 10 years designing, building and managing the computer software that supported the fund raising

efforts of their viewer marketing department. As a librarian, I have worked at the Highland Park Public Library and at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills. My interests outside of work include cycling (ask about my self-contained cross country trip, but allow enough time), photography, reading, movies, and travel. Librarianship runs in my family: my wife is the Head of Youth Services at the Wilmette Public Library, and my sister and numerous in-laws are also librarians. 

## Donations to the Library

Contributions made to the library are not only a generous way to honor a friend or relative, they also purchase materials that will serve the entire community. The library is always appreciative of donations made in honor or in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate a special event. A gift bookplate may be placed inside the selected material to note the donation and an acknowledgment will be sent to the honoree(s) designated by the donor.

Maggie Scheyer      Nancy Frank  
Dana Newman      Peter and Tamara Wissinger  
Midwest Sumi-e      Joyce and Paul Grant

There were 64 donations made to the David Stein Memorial Fund. 

## Library Calendar

The library will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- Easter Sunday, April 12
- Memorial Day, May 25

The library will be closed Sunday, May 24 and all successive Sundays through the Labor Day Weekend. 

The Glencoe Public Library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any individual who plans to attend any program at the library and who requires a special accommodation, or anyone who has questions regarding accessibility to the library, is requested to phone the library at (847) 835-5056.

## GLENCOE PUBLIC LIBRARY

320 Park Avenue  
Glencoe, IL 60022

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–9 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

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